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SUBJECT: URGENT NEED TO STRENGTHEN OUR PROTECTION AGAINST ROCKET AND ARTILLERY ATTACK

REF: PHNOM PENH 2158

1. CURRENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES COMMUNIST INTEND MOUNT FURTHER EFFORTS TO ATTACK AND CAPTURE PHNOM PENH DURING CURRENT DRY SEASON. IT ALSO CONFIRMS THAT COMMUNISTS STILL POSSESS RESPECTABLE INVENTORY OF 105MM ARTILLERY PEICES AND AMMUNITION FOR THEM, AS WELL AS ROCKETS. MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT ARTILLERY ROUNDS LANDED WITHIN 100 METERS OF THE CHANCERY DURING SOME OF THE 16 ARTILLERY/ROCKET ATTACKS AGAINST PHNOM PENH BETWEEN LATE DECEMBER AND LATE FEBRUARY, AND THAT OUR INSTALLATIONS IN THE CHANCERY COMPOUND ARE POORLY PROTECTED AGAINST ATTACKS BY FIRE, THE COUNTRY TEAM, AFTER CAREFUL STUDY, RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTION OF OUR PERSONNEL AND FACILTIES. IT ALSO RECOMMENDS A MODEST AMOUNT OF CONSTRUCTION TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT THE RESIDENCE TO BE OCCUPIED BY THE AMBASSADOR, AS WELL AS SANDBAGGING OF AND PLEXIGLASS FOR "SECURE ROOMS" AT RESIDENCES.

2. THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING FOR WHICH FIRM ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED, OF ESSENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS, PREPARED AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES AND WITH AUSTERITY AS THE KEYNOTE. THEY ARE ALL RELATED DIRECTLY TO STRENGTHENING OF OUR POSTURE AGAINST HOSTILE ATTACK, PARTICULARLY BY ARTILLERY AND ROCKETS.
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CHANCERY COMPOUND

ADD A CONCRETE PROTECTIVE COVER FOR 30,000 LITER FUEL TANK 7,130

CONSTRUCT REINFORCED CONCRETE BLAST WALLS FOR MEDTC BLDGS. ONE AND TWO (THESE BUILDINGS ARE VERY FLIMSY). 48,362

ADD A SHEET STEEL ROOF OVER MEDTC BLDGS.ONE AND TWO, DESIGNED TO DETONATE ARTILLERY ROUNDS OR ROCKETS BEFORE THEY ENTER THE BUILDINGS 15,074

CONSTRUCT A SHEET STEEL ROOF OVER SOUTH END OF CHANCERY ROOF, DESIGNED TO DETONATE ARTILLERY ROUNDS OR ROCKETS BEFORE THEY PENETRATE THE CHANCERY 9,810

WARNING SIRENS, MAIN ENTRANCE SECURITY DOOR COSTS, SECURITY LIGHTS, E&E RATIONS, FIRE ESTINGUISHERS 4,386

ADD A CHAIN-LINK FENCE "CAGE" ON EAST/WEST SIDES CHANCERY, AS PROTECTION PARTICULARLY AGAINST B-40S AND GRENADES 13,510

EXTEND CHANCERY COMPOUND PERIMETER WALLS 30,848

CONSTRUCT BLAST WALLS ON NORTH/SOUTH ENDS OF CHANCERY 62,864

PURCHASE 5 EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION SHREDDERS 1,600

PURCHASE ONE MODEL II AIR FED INCINERATOR MEDTC 2,100

CHIEF OF MISSION'S RESIDENCE (NOW OCCUPIED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES)

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INCREASE HEIGHT OF CHAIN-LINK FENCING AND HEIGHT OF PERIMETER WALL 3,043

RESIDENCES OF PERSONNEL

PROCURE-INSTALL PLEXIGLAS FOR SECURE ROOMS 14,620

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PROCURE-INSTALL SANDBAGS (60,000) 20,000

3. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE SAFETY OF THIS MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL, THE COUNTRY TEAM REQUESTS PROMPT CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST AND GRANTING OF FUNDS TOTALLING $233,347 TO ENABLE IT TO COMMENCE WORK ON THESE PROJECTS SOONEST. ENDERS

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